



# Segue Institute for Learning

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Angelo Garcia – Founder/Head of School

Board of Directors – Emergency Meeting

Monday, September 29, 2014

5:00 – 6:00 PM

## Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order** – Mr. Cohen calls the meeting to order at 5:03 pm establishing a quorum.

### Roll Call –

Present: Justin Cohen, Tabitha Elefsiades, Marc Harrison, Tia Ristaino-Siegel, Maggie Rivera, Lauren Schechtman, James Setaro, and Jeffrey Wentzell.

Absent: Nelly Hoffens-Vargas

Staff: Angelo Garcia, Ann Manocchio, Victor Terry, Melissa Lourenco, Katherin Tessier, Katie Somerville, Kelly Kerwin, Joseph Gravina, and Grace Rivera.

### Discussion – Segue Promise Academy Community Engagement

Mr. Cohen indicates the situation with Segue's request for charter modification and the voting by the RI Board of Education that will be taking place on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 5:00 pm. Mr. Cohen opens the floor for Mr. Garcia to explain the two documents presented for the board's approval and consideration. Mr. Garcia begins by providing the particulars of his conversation with the Commissioner prior to the Board of Education meeting. The documents presented are titled "Talking Points" and "Letter of Support". Mr. Garcia indicates that the letter provides people with an array of topics/bullets for them to choose and elaborate on them and further talk about their particular relationship with Segue.

The board is informed that a letter to Mr. Patrick Guida, Chairman of the Council of Elementary and Secondary Education, will be written by Mr. Cohen requesting two things from the Board of Education:

1. That they table the vote/decision on granting or not Segue's charter modification and allow Segue staff to present during the board's work session evidence to support our request, or and if Board does not table their vote/decision;
2. To agree to an expansion to a 5<sup>th</sup> grade only either in Central Falls, Central Falls and Pawtucket or in Central Falls, Pawtucket and Woonsocket for the next school year.

After an extensive discussion by board members and Segue staff it was agreed that the above would be the course of action to be taken and stated in Mr. Cohen's letter to Mr. Guida.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Harrison and second by Mr. Wentzell. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

### Minutes Approved by:

Justin Cohen [signature on file]

*Board of Directors Co-Chair*

### Minutes Recorded by:

Grace M. Rivera [signature on file]

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*Staff Secretary to the Board*

### Approved on:

October 20, 2014

*Date*

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